

# LENT III WORSHIP

## March 7, 2021

Words of Welcome

Office Hymn: "What wondrous love"

Hymnal #439

**What wondrous love is this, O my Lord, O my Lord,  
What wondrous love is this, O my Lord.  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
To lay aside his crown for my soul?**

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

A Litany of Penitence

*Officiant* Most holy and merciful God:

*People* **We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and  
deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Officiant continues*

We confess to you, Lord, that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**We confess to you, Lord.**

We have turned away from to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**We confess to you, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:  
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people.

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
our anger at our own frustration,  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;  
our false judgments and uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us;

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us;  
our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Celebrant pronounces absolution, saying*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves  
to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our  
souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to  
the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*Reader* A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

*The Rev. Miranda Hassett*

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).

*Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in

your heart as well. Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for all those in authority. In this season, we pray especially for all newly-elected public officials, for those working to alleviate the pandemic, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers, and for those whom you now name.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. We hold before you all those who have lost their lives to the pandemic, and all the bereaved.

*The people may offer additional names.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Celebrant**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in your great mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People** **And also with you!**

The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Please pray in the language of your heart.*

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People* **Grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Prayer After Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work  
you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses to Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
Where the young Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the cross of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses the congregation. The people respond, **Thanks be to God!***